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Dear Mr. Lester:

Enclosed are the results of the sample analyses taken by the Environmental Protection Agency on February 3, 1976.

Please consider the following items which we recommend to control the entry of PCB filling fluids into the environment:

1. The tank car unloading area should be provided with drip pans under the tank car fluid ports and fluid journals. These pans should be in place during heating and transfer. The area of the landing and the area around the track are sufficiently contaminated that pedestrian traffic would transfer the fluid to areas exposed to weather, thereby contaminating stormwater runoff.

2. The fluid purification area is vulnerable to pedestrian (workers) traffic and, therefore, a source of environmental contamination through tracking of material through and around the building area. Drip pans and traps should be employed under the fluid press and all pipe connectors, joints and journals where packing is used (All areas where leaks or spills may occur).

3. Inside the main building, the area of the one filling tank which employs PCB filling fluids, the transfer pipe joints should be checked for leaks. All spillage onto surfaces, grills and stairs accessible to traffic should be meticulously cleaned and kept clean and clear of PCB filling fluids to prevent tracking fluids to other areas and ultimately outside the building.

4. All waste drums and waste storage containers should be cleaned prior to placement in storage areas and should be checked for leaks and external contamination prior to shipment.

5. Special attention should be given to improving conditions around the tank storage area. The soil sample analyses revealed highly contaminated soil conditions in this area. We will expect to see this problem addressed in the engineering report which is due on May 31, 1976.

This office appreciates your cooperation in this effort and strongly encourages your continued efforts to reduce environmental contamination by PCB's. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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